

WANT TO BOSS HIM.

An Attempt to Dictate to County Clerk McCabe

WHOM HE SHALL EMPLOY.

County Commissioner Campbell's Spite to be Gratified at the Expense of the Public Service.

Shawnee county has on more than one occasion suffered from "bossism" in politics.

An instance of "bossism," or attempted "bossism," is being displayed just now by the board of county commissioners who are trying to dictate to County Clerk Charles T. McCabe, and compel him to appoint clerks in his office of their choosing.

To the credit of that popular young official it can be said that he has refused to be "bossed" and has given the commissioners to understand that he will appoint clerks in his office persons of his own choosing.

The law allows the county clerk \$1,200 a year for clerks hire, and in accordance with this Shawnee County Clerk McCabe when he took up the duties of his office January 1st, appointed two clerks at a salary of \$20 a month each.

Hale Ritchie is a well known Republican politician who was one of those "most influential in securing the nomination of Mr. McCabe at the primaries last summer, was appointed deputy county clerk and Miss Kate McArthur, a niece of County Commissioner Campbell, and who held a clerkship in the office under County Clerk Brown, was retained as the second assistant.

The arrangement did not suit the county commissioners, and as soon as they learned of the appointment of Hale Ritchie, a systematic fight on his appointment was inaugurated.

The new deputy county clerk and County Commissioner Campbell did not "click" in fact commissionership Campbell had such a grudge against Mr. Ritchie because he had worked against the election of Campbell that it was a whole month after he entered the office before he would speak to him, and the county commissioners and county clerk occupy the same room with their offices.

It was not, however, until the first meeting of the commissioners in February, when the auditing of the accounts and the allowing of bills of the various county offices were presented that the "bosses" showed their hands.

The young county clerk was informed that in the interest of financial economy the county could not afford the county clerk two assistants and as Miss McArthur was an experienced clerk in that department, it would be the proper thing for him to release Mr. Ritchie from further duty as they would not allow his salary.

County Clerk McCabe objected to this arrangement but said if the commissioners were in earnest in working a reform in the office and proposed to allow him only one clerk he would be willing to appoint as the one assistant Mr. John Wright the young colored man who held a position in the office under John M. Brown.

Mr. Wright is one of the best clerks in the state and he would be able to do all the work of the office, under ordinary circumstances.

Mr. McCabe proposed to pay Wright, who is now holding a position in the post office, \$60 a month for his services. Commissioner Campbell and Knight, the senior members of the board, did not approve of this proposition. It was Miss McArthur or nothing, and the board adjourned without having confirmed that appointment.

The last action or lack of action on the part of the commissioners was more than the young official had expected, but he immediately determined to make a fight for his rights, and force a fight, the result of which will show who is to run his office.

In accordance with this plan, he last evening notified Miss McArthur that her services would not be needed any longer and today he is holding possession of his office alone. He is attending to all the duties and will be able to do the work until the 1st of March, when the county assessment will require additional office help.

To a STATE JOURNAL reporter today Mr. McCabe said: "I am holding the fort and will be found in possession as long as I am county clerk. I am responsible to the people of the county who elected me, for the keeping of the records of this office and I propose to either do the work myself, or have it done by clerks of my own choosing or know the reason why."

"If the work of the office is not kept up the responsibility will rest with the county commissioners who have refused to allow me the clerks hire which the law says I shall have at my disposal."

The commissioners will meet again on Friday, when it is expected there will be more trouble.

Commissioner Williams, the new member of the board being in the minority, has taken no part in this attempted "bossing" rule.

IT PAYS \$75 A MONTH.

A Sung Little Sun for J. J. Hill in the Membership.

As announced in last night's extra edition, J. J. Hill was yesterday appointed receiver of the United States land office at Topeka, the position being the one now held by J. D. Knight.

The regular salary of this office \$500 a year, is increased by fees, and since the consolidation of the Salina and Topeka offices the receiver gets about \$75 a month for his services.

The register has not yet been appointed, but the place will probably go to Editor H. Von Laugen, of the American Telegraph.

Auction.

Furniture at auction each day, beginning at 2 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 14th. Goods will be sold regardless of value to the highest bidder.

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ASSOCIATED CHARITIES.

Important Notice Issued in District Visitors by the President, H. L. Smith.

It is very important that the districting of the city should be completed in order that a new list of districts and visitors may be published at once for guidance of all parties.

The preliminary districting assigned two or more visitors to a district. This will lead to confusion and divide responsibility.

At every time the visitors are requested to immediately report to one or most desirable subdivisions of their district, full name and address of the visitor for each subdivision, together with any suggestions which occur from their experience and knowledge of their districts and the work.

The districts reported as in charge of Ingleside, or Mrs. J. Thomas, president, should be definitely subdivided with one visitor to each subdivision so that they may be included in the new publication.

North Topeka should also be fully subdivided in districts and full name and address of visitors in charge should be carefully recorded.

The objection valued by a few that it was much better for two to go in company in some cases than one, should not be given two visitors to the official charge of one district but by the liberty which each visitor has of taking an associate on any of her visits, or of visitors in adjoining districts making their canvas more room if that seems important, but the vital and essential feature necessary to the successful operation is that the district shall be small enough so that one and only one person shall be known in that particular district and to several persons in the adjacent districts for that territory and if two visitors of adjoining districts canvas together they should be very careful not to permit any misapprehension to exist anywhere as to which one is responsible for each district.

It is hoped every visitor will take this notice as personal and will not promptly give full information and make any suggestions that occur, meeting communication to me at the public library, so that the necessary machinery of the organization may be simplified and put in running order at the earliest moment possible.

Blank forms will soon be furnished the district visitors who will be secured a uniform of action.

Meanwhile, no one should be allowed to suffer through all about work towards perfecting the plan as rapidly as possible so that it may then be lived up to closely.

B. L. Scrym, President Associated Charities.

YOU CAN ALL DO SOMETHING

And Here is a Story to Show You How to Do It.

To the Editor of the State Journal.

Sir:—A little incident happened in the street yesterday which suggests to me the amount of good that can be done in the way of helping the poor.

A business man of this city was met on the avenue by a beggar looking for 15 or 16 years of age, who accused him and implored if he had an extra pair of trousers which he had also tried, which he would be willing to give him.

The gentleman glanced at the boy who was so thinly clad and exclaimed, "Can it be that a child yet in his teens who seemed to be intelligent and willing to work, should be thrown out in the street freezing while I have plenty of clothing hanging away in my closet which I will probably never wear again and if given to the boy it would make him comfortable?"

The gentleman took him home with him and suited up a complete suit of underclothing, a good blue shirt, a good pair of trousers and an overcoat.

The boy was invited to supper and ate a hearty meal. He could not thank the gentleman enough for his kindness.

There are thousands of persons in the city who have something to wear which they have discarded, which, if sent to the secretary of the Associated Charities, or to Mrs. L. B. Thorne, ladies matron, would make some poor person comfortable and happy, and they would not miss it in the least.

Look in your closet, and get out the clothing, hats, boots and shoes, and old blankets, and send in or send for the patrol wagon, which will call and get it, and deliver it to you direct.

This gentleman, like thousands of men, could not realize the suffering until brought face to face with it. Those who are in warm offices and business places, who go home at night to well warmed and comfortable rooms, cannot realize what it is to be cold or hungry, or what good they can do as above suggested, without any sacrifice upon their part, by giving away that which they can never miss in the least.

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